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For: FAN NOISE REDUCTION FROM TURBOFAN ENGINES USING ADAPTIVE
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**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.28(c) TO CORRECT
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Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office (hereinafter "the Office") to excuse Applicant's inadvertent failure to notify the Office of its loss of entitlement to small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27(g)(2).

Applicant, a state university, applied for the above-identified patent as a small entity under 37 C.F.R. §1.27(a)(3)(ii)(A). Attached hereto is a copy of the official filing receipt evidencing the Applicant's small entity status. After the patent issued, but prior to the due date of the first maintenance fee, the state university licensed the patent to a large entity. Applicant inadvertently neglected to notify the Office of its loss of entitlement to small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27(g)(2); however, the fourth (4th) year maintenance fee was timely paid on March 5, 2004, via the patent annuity service of Computer Packages, Inc. Attached hereto is a copy of the maintenance fee statement issued by the Office evidencing timely payment of the maintenance fee.

Based on the above, Applicant respectfully requests the Office to grant this petition to correct the entity status error and accept the deficiency payment of \$445.00. Attached hereto is a check in the amount of \$445.00 to cover the deficiency in payment. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.27(c)(2)(ii), below is an itemization of the deficiency payment:

4 th year maintenance fee (current large entity rate)	\$900.00
4 th year maintenance fee (small entity rate on 3/5/2004)	\$455.00
Deficiency amount owed	\$445.00
Total deficiency payment owed	\$445.00

Please charge any fees for such provisional petition and any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041.

Respectfully submitted,

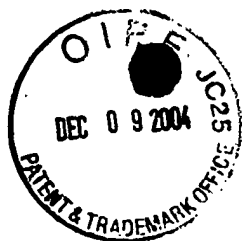


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** SMALL ENTITY **

TITLE
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